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ELECTORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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KINGSTON 5, JAMAICA

Ref. No. _____

MAY 9, 1980

H. E. Ambassador L. Lawrence
Embassy of the United States
Mutual Life Building
2 Oxford Road
Kingston 5.

Dear Ambassador:

Preparation of Voters

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I am writing with reference to your recent meeting with representatives from the Electoral Advisory Committee and our telephone conversation yesterday, in which the Committee have been seeking your assistance in securing facilities for speeding up the processes of preparation of the voters' lists for the forth-coming General Elections.

The Committee appreciate very much the efforts which you have so willingly and promptly made on their behalf. These efforts have led so far, to the location of a number of appropriate IBM data processing machines and information about the availability of facilities in the USA for high-speed printing - both at the Federal Government level and through commercial firms.

As I indicated to you yesterday, because of the country's financial and foreign exchange situation, the Committee would appreciate any financial assistance which might be given towards obtaining the equipment currently located in Australia.

There is another possibility which has come to our attention following my telephone conversation with you. We understand that the local IBM company would be interested in obtaining the machines - which could then be rented to the Electoral Advisory Committee for the period required for processing of the field data. As you know however, the local firm is understood to have a large amount (in foreign exchange) outstanding to IBM World Trade Corporation who would understandably therefore, be reluctant to make the supply of this equipment available until the debt has been settled.

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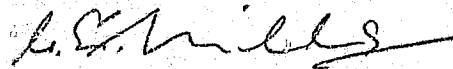
We wonder whether you could use your good offices in making an approach to IBM World Trade Corporation to see whether they would be prepared to extend this credit to the local company to cover the supply of the machines which have been identified. If so, the main person involved would be:

Mr. Bob Holmes
Vice-President Americas
IBM World Trade Corporation
White Plains, N.Y.

We realise that this is asking a great deal of you. However, we would appreciate any further support which could be extended to us in our efforts to have the electoral machinery in place as early as is practicable.

Thanking you once more.

Yours sincerely,



G. E. Mills
Chairman
Electoral Advisory Committee

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